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## DOES FARMING PAY?

As in every other business in life, we must have margins, margin for change of purpose, margin for interruption, margin for accident, etc. If we leave ourselves proper margin we shall never be hurried, as we shall always be if we crowd our plans. If you would make farming pay, do not repine and say your lot is hard and your business poor, but

Mr. Field appreciates the importance of a thorough preparation of the soil in all crop production, and spares no labor in this direction. He also believes in clean culture. His broad fields of corn have been carefully hoed throughout. Since haying all remaining weeds have been cut with the hand hoe. Under such care his fields present a pleasing contrast with others occasionally seen where the latest methods of culture have been the practice. On this farm modern practice is no license for weeds. With this extensive farming business

The one method nearest to nature that may be pursued is to plow, manure, and seed these lands to grass this August. The heaviest crops of grass we have seen this season were the result of this course of treatment. Several such fields were under our occasional observation from time of seeding to the hay harvest and were watched under the trying conditions of the season, with much interest. Though at time of working and seeding, a year ago, the soil was dry almost to dust, and the growth of the grass during the fall as a result was seriously restricted, yet the plants were here, and brought forth bountiful crops of hay in every case. The writer has practiced this same method of late summer seeding from time to time for many years, and always with satisfactory results.

And that is education, which offers a solution to so many difficult problems. The child in school and at home cannot begin too young the study of nature. Instill into his heart a love for God's beautiful creation, and he will not desire to destroy the useful birds and harmless animals. Teach the boy to substitute a study of their habits and traits while he craves for the ghastly collection of dead birds and animals, and the little cemetery of birds' eggs, in which his heart is delighted. The difference between the injurious and beneficial insects, the nature of useful and medicinal plants, and the appearance of harmful weeds, are all lessons to be learned in youth. Entomology, ornithology, practical botany, and forestry, might well take the place of so much useless Greek and mathe-

the earlier crops were grown before grass; the first has been answered; second, he raises just as many crops as he wishes before seeding to grass; that all tends to more thorough cultivation, but when he comes to grass he should sow grass only.

Mr. C. F. Fairbanks of Pittsburg, Kansas, will here find answers to his questions. Dr. Enos B. Herr of Iowa, Geo. W. Dennis, Dr. Sair of Portland, Ore., G. N. Johnson of Woodstock, N. H., T. R. Bradburn of Beboeth, Ind., Edwin Montague of Starkville, Miss., William E. Cramer of Moravia, N. Y., S. T. Howard of Webster, Mass., W. H. Miller of Brookfield, Ont., and hundreds of others will find answers in this article to their questions.

Mr. J. A. Johnson of Mansfield county, N. S. W., as land in a valley; a part of it has

He built the best potash factory I ever knew in Maine. His leaches were each placed on flat stones, which made a great saving of lye, and located them on the side next the river so that the ashes could be easily gotten rid of. The lower factory was built of granite. I purchased the factory, and my first change was to shift the leaches to the other side of the building. As I could not give the ashes away, I purchased a five-acre field, fine soil, but had been cropped for so long a time without dressing, that oats would not grow a foot high. I had carted on that piece of land, I should say, two thousand bushels of leached ashes. The

The drouth is becoming severe throughout southern and central Maine, and unless rain comes very soon the later crops will suffer greatly and stock must be fed regularly, materially increasing the cost of production.



Married.

In this city, Aug. 1, Patrick C. Murphy to Miss Mary B. Morrissey, both of Augusta.  
In Bar Harbor, July 6, Bertie M. Bray to Mrs. Gus Magnusson.  
In Bath, July 25, David M. Rodgerson to Miss Caroline Olivet McArthur, both of Bath.

In Belfast, July 18, Harry A. Emmons to Miss Maude A. Brown, both of Belfast.  
In Biddeford, July 21, George Cadran to Miss Rosanna Martin; June 30, Clarence E. Richards to Miss Irene J. Hunter.  
In Boothbay Harbor, July 8, Marshall Moore to Miss Josephine Bowman.  
In Caribou, July 8, John W. Cresson to Miss

In Cornish, July 26, Dr. Edwin R. Chellis is Kezar Falls, to Miss Jennie Beryl Wadsworth of Cornish.

In Deer Isle, July 17, Harmon Trowington of Surry, to Miss Clara J. Terry of Stonington; July 19, Capt. Willis W. Scott to Miss Sadie Edith, both of Deer Isle.

In East Auburn, July 25, John E. Locke to Miss Ethel L. Nash, both of Auburn.

In Guilford, July 11, Taylor K. Edes to Miss

Mildred M. Ellis.  
In Haverhill, July 17, Leroy Wentworth to Miss Margaret M. Ferguson, both of Springvale.  
In Jonesport, July 21, Mark C. Allen to Miss Jennifer M. Kelley.  
In Kingfield, July 21, Irvin L. Eldridge of Falmouth, Mass., to Miss Bertha May Perry.  
In Lisbon Falls, July 25, Arthur C. Yeaton of Rochester, N. H., to Miss Ella A. Sylvester of Lisbon Falls.

on Long Island, July 21. Charles Davis to  
 Mrs. Addie M. Lunt, both of Long Island.  
 In Madison, July 21. George E. Pratt to  
 Miss Annie M. Burrill, both of Assonet.  
 In Middletown, Ct. Edward E. Robinson of  
 Albion, to Miss Sadie Mae Worthing of China.  
 In Milo, July 22, Edgar W. Jordan of Milo,  
 to Miss Hattie B. Angove of Brownville.  
 In Myra, July 23, John Bartlett to Mrs.  
 Hannah J. Crocker, both of Greenfield.  
 In New Vineyard, June 30, B. F. Dexter to  
 Mrs. M. J. Crocker, both of Greenfield.

Miss Josephine Burdett, both of New Vineyard.  
In Northport, July 10, Wm. F. Durgin to  
Miss Emma Gardin.  
In Northport, July 21, Ernest Mollen to  
Miss Ethel R. Dodge, both of Northport.  
In Portland, July 22, John H. Connell to  
Miss Annie M. Logan, both of South Portland;  
July 26, Clifford A. Plummer to Miss  
Clara L. Hayes, both of Portland; July 27,  
Wm. C. S. Tingley to Mrs. Mattie E. Horr, both  
of Portland.  
In FOWLER, July 26, Alexander S. Gregory

to Miss Maud M. Tyler of Portland.  
In Princeton, July 30, Hamilton O. Davis to  
Sarah M. McDonald of Crawford.  
In Robbinston, July 19, William Bayless to  
Miss Amy Hibbard, both of Perry.  
In Searsport, July 21, Walter E. Towers to  
Miss Lucy A. Anspand, both of Searsport;  
July 22, William Anspand to Miss Mary  
Miss Grace G. Tripp of Searsport.  
In Skowhegan, July 18, W. Gay Pennell to  
Miss Estora Jewett, both of Skowhegan.

In Thomaston, July 25, Alvin D. Winchenbach of Warren to Miss Esther I. Gammon of Rockland.  
In Vinalhaven, July 24, Dalton E. Raynes to Mrs. Georgia Quinn, both of Eagle Island.  
In Waterford, July 25, Fonzo R. McLaughlin to Miss Winnifred D. Kneeland.  
In Woodstock, July 18, John W. Keech to Miss Maud Gentle.

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months; July 22, Harriet N., widow of Jacob Berry, aged 86 years, 4 months; July 23, Augustus J. Bloom, aged 77 years; July 28, Mary Adelaide, wife of William L. Sprague, aged 3 years, 3 months; July 28, Harriet F., widow of the late David C. Hodgkins, aged 76 years.  
In Belfast, July 23, Harriet Hassell, aged 77 years.  
In Brooklin, July 14, Melvin Freethy, aged 47 years.

In Brownsville, July 17, Sophia, wife of Hubert Heath, aged 34 years.  
In Brownsville, July 17, Mrs. Mary E. West, aged 42 years, 9 months; July 20, Mrs. Nellie G. Turner, aged 36 years.  
In Calais, July 24, Albert Q. Hill, aged 57 years.  
In Chebeague Island, July 24, Flora H. Ross, aged 29 years, 10 months.  
In Calais, July 24, Mrs. H. H. Ross, aged 42 years, 10 months.

In Cornville, July 12, Miss Jane Horn, aged 69 years.  
In Deer Isle, July 20, Mrs. Caroline Spoford, aged 77 years.  
In Dexter, July 23, Mrs. Annie L Toward, aged 61 years, 4 months.  
In Dresden, July 22, Llewellyn Rittal, aged 79 years.  
In East Livermore, July 15, Mrs. Mary A. Kellogg, aged 49 years.  
In Eastport, July 19, Herbert Thornton,

In Ellsworth, July 19, Mrs. Mary A. Fisetto, aged 21 years, 8 months.

In Falmouth Foreside, July 29, Alice H. Boynton, aged 14 years, 10 months.

In Farmington, July 25, Mrs. Maria H. Newell, wife of Granville Hackett, aged 61 years, 11 months; July 22, Ernest E. son of Franklin and Mrs. Gardiner, aged 1 year, 8 months.

In Gorham, July 26, Edwin R. Gammon, aged about 66 years.

In Grafton, Mass., Lucy H. Wiggins, wife of Rev. B. A. Robie, aged 66 years.  
In Harrison, July 22, Sprague Keen, aged 84 years.  
In Lovell, July 17, Mrs. Jane Crocker, widow of Simon Gray, aged 86 years, 1 month.  
In Michigan, July 22, Joel W. Cook, aged 70 years, 1 month.  
In North Seaboard, July 17, Harry Thompson, aged 75 years, 9 months.  
In Oak Bay, July 10, Thomas Bedford, aged

35 years, 4 months.  
In Portland, July 24, Bridget, wife of Patrick Connelly, aged 38 years; July 24, Robert Aylward Williams, aged 63 years, 11 months; July 24, Albert L. Knight, aged 68 years 8 months; July 25, George W. Leighton, aged 61 years, 9 months; July 25, Mary, wife of Timothy Concannon, aged 33 years; July 26, Lucinda H. widow of George C. Littlefield, aged 74 years, 6 months; July 28, Emeline, widow of Henry Douglass, aged 58 years.

In Red Beach, July 23, Mrs. Esther A. Ford, aged 69 years; July 29, Hazel F. Bagley, aged 35 months.  
In Redington, July 19, Miss Jesse E. Marshall of Calais, aged 29 years, 8 months.  
In Saco, July 24, Francis P. Eastman, aged 77 years.  
In Searsmont, June 18, Eliza, wife of Jacob Walls of Searsmont, aged 84 years; July 22, Llewellyn Cross, aged 45 years, 6 months.  
In South Portland, July 24, Eliza J., widow

of Richard Clark, aged 78 years, 3 months.  
 In Fremont, July 11, Ralph F. Wilson, aged  
 23 years.  
 In Vinalhaven, July 17, Miss Jane Hall,  
 aged 61 years, 11 months.  
 In Westbrook, July 25, Mrs. Emeline Jordan,  
 widow of Stephen Westcott of Gorham,  
 aged 73 years.  
 In West Pembroke, July 13, Joseph Wilder,  
 aged 75 years.

**How a Woman Holds a Man's Affections.**  
A wise and observing person stated the other day that many a wife complains that her husband does not take her out, that she only sees him at meals, or that he makes friendships in which she has no part. Further that she

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year's breeding should be sent to the  
block. They cumber the ground and eat  
out the profits the hens would insure.

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poultry shown there. Size, strength,  
vitality, vigor, evidence of breeding and  
fancy markings are to be taken into ac-  
count.

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cockerel. A bird out of eggs from a  
pallet as good as the one shown in the  
Farmer, with such a record, is worth  
securing for a breeder next year.

The greatest hindrance to success with  
many poultry growers is the lasting  
affection for old hens. Because "we  
love them so" they are kept year after  
year to burden the expense account and  
cut down the average egg record.  
There's no place for sentiment in the  
poultry yard. It's business all the way  
and we must never forget that it is the  
young hen which pays the best.

From this time on the price of eggs  
will tend upward, and the only question  
which faces the grower is to get a sup-  
ply. Early pullets are already begin-  
ning to sing, and should now be kept  
busy. The best way to do this is to  
take the males out of the way and let  
the pullets have as free range as possi-  
ble. Let the hens have their time to  
scratch and work unmolested by the  
males, and then, by guarding the food,  
the eggs may be looked for.

We overheard a poultry grower bewail-  
ing his loss, because he had sold a fine  
lot of chickens to a poultry gatherer in-  
stead of bringing to market himself.  
Had he read the weekly market reports  
in the Maine Farmer, he would have  
been saved all this, but, content to live  
without a complete and authentic mar-  
ket report, he lost. Our reports are cor-  
rected to the latest hour possible by ex-  
perts, and can be relied on. Those who  
have stock or produce to sell should read  
the Maine Farmer.

### AN INSECT DUSTER.

By attaching a barrel hook to the end  
of a light pole and stooping light coffee  
sacking to the hoop similar to a boy's  
dip net for fishing minnows we have a  
"duster" that makes a very easy arrange-  
ment to fight vermin. In the evening  
after the fowl have gone to roost pour  
this "duster" partly filled with insect pow-  
der, and stir over the hens thoroughly.  
It will help greatly in driving away the  
lice.

### WORMS FOR DUCKS.

Mr. Editor: I would like to inquire,  
through the columns of your paper, if  
some one who has raised ducks would  
kindly tell me whether angle worms are  
good food for ducks? They seem to like  
them and apparently thrive on them,  
but some die after a time. Is it angle  
worms that hurt them?

### A SUBSCRIBER.

An excess of any kind of food will in-  
jure. Angle worms are good food for  
poultry of any kind, but not good when  
fed in large quantities. It has been claim-  
ed that these worms, fed liberally, caused  
gapes, which, as we know, are due to the  
presence of a small worm in the throat.  
Whether this be so or not, the worms  
which ducks will pick up as they roam  
about can hardly work injury. Rather  
should we look to the other food given,  
the water or the pens.

### THE FATTENING POW.

When fattening we do not need to give  
time-growing foods at all. What is  
wanted is to increase the amount of  
fat and fat tissue W. N. Freeman in  
"Farmer's Gazette." This can be  
brought about by giving a surfeit, and  
by preventing exercise, which tends to  
the distribution of heat and prevents the  
accumulation of fresh bodily substance.  
Fatty, starchy and sugary foods are  
recommended for fattening purposes.  
Thus, fat meat residues, Indian meal,  
potatoes, rice and cow's milk are  
amongst the best foods for fattening  
purposes. Many people of experience  
recommend oatmeal to be given with  
milk for fattening purposes and that is  
excellent. Oatmeal contains if anything  
more fattening matter than Indian  
meal, and is to be preferred to that on  
account of its effect upon the color of  
the fat. I ought to point out that oat-  
meal, too, not only contains a consid-  
erably higher percentage of starch or heat-  
giving matter, and thus is more easy of  
digestion than is Indian meal.

### WHEN THE EGGS ARE FERTILE.

Experiments are reported by an Ohio  
poultryman, C. E. Spiles, to settle the  
question how soon after the introduc-  
tion of the cock in the pen can fertile  
eggs be expected, and for how long after  
the removal of the male will the eggs  
continue fertile? In carrying out the  
experiment 40 Leghorns were divided in-  
to three pens with suitable runs,  
and males of that same variety were  
placed in the pens on the 18th of Feb-  
ruary. They were the first males that  
had been on the place, so that there had  
been no opportunity for any previous  
fertilization. Twenty-one eggs were se-  
cured on the first day, none of which

were fertile; 18 on the second day with  
two fertile; 24 were laid on the third  
day and 20 on the fourth, and of these 12  
were fertile; 24 on the sixth day, of  
which 10 were fertile; 15 were ob-  
tained on the seventh day, of which 12  
were fertile; 19 on the eighth day, of  
which 17 were fertile, 19 on the ninth  
day, of which 18 were fertile.

The males were removed on the first  
of July, and on that day 9 eggs were ob-  
tained, of which 6 were fertile; on the  
second day 13 eggs were laid, 8 being  
fertile; on the fourth day 10 eggs were  
laid, all of which were fertile; on the  
fifth day 12 were laid, of which 10 were  
fertile; on the seventh day 9 were laid,  
all being fertile; on the eighth day 13  
eggs gave 12 fertile; on the ninth day 11  
eggs gave 9 that were fertile; on the  
eleventh day 9 eggs gave 3 that were fer-  
tile; on the twelfth day 9 eggs gave 3  
that were fertile; on the thirteenth day  
9 eggs gave 3 that were fertile; on the  
fourteenth day 8 eggs were laid, of which  
but 1 was fertile, and on the fifteenth  
day 9 gave 2 that were fertile.

From this experiment it would seem  
that with breeding stock in good health  
and vigor, eggs may be expected to be  
fertile after the birds have been mated  
for a week, and that they will continue  
to be fertile for about 10 days after the  
male has been removed from the pen.

### KEEP AN EGG RECORD.

There are good reasons for saying that  
not enough breeders of poultry are as  
careful as they should be in keeping an  
egg record, says the "Farmer's Voice."  
It may be believed that breeders of the  
very best thoroughbred fowl would in-  
crease their business by keeping an ex-  
act record of the number of eggs that are  
laid by their hens and giving it a place  
in their circulars, catalogs and other ad-  
vertising matter.

There is a widespread belief that thor-  
oughbred fowl are not good layers. Of  
course this does not obtain among those  
who have had experience with such  
stock; these people have been well cured  
of that idea, if it ever found a lodgment  
in their heads. But on a large propor-  
tion of the farms the scrub chicken still  
"rules the roost," and this is owing in  
large measure to the prevalence of the  
belief that as layers they give better re-  
sults than thoroughbreds. If by chance  
these people happened to get hold of a  
poultry paper or come in possession of a  
breeder's catalog they find a very pre-  
cise statement of the number of points  
accorded to the birds by a very inde-  
nite allusion to their merits as layers.

The great majority of farmers obtain  
the principal part of their profit from  
poultry out of the eggs, and they are  
very much more concerned about the ca-  
pacities of a flock in this particular than  
in its achievements at the poultry shows.  
They do not want to breed fowl for the  
show, and care very little about their  
exhibition qualities. It would be a tre-  
mendous boost to the fancy poultry busi-  
ness if this class of people could be con-  
vinced of the fact that these aristocratic  
birds, which so proudly parade their  
show record before the public eye, also  
have an egg record which would knock  
that of their scrubs into smithereens.

It is a distressing sight to one who has  
learned the superiority of thoroughbreds  
in all particulars to see the home pre-  
mises of a fine farm overrun by a flock  
of chickens of all colors, shapes and sizes.  
It is such an abuse of an privilege and  
opportunities, for as an actual fact there  
is no place like the farm for rearing  
poultry. And the owners of the best class  
of poultry are not doing all that lies in  
their power by way of banishing the  
scrub from the farm.

### FORCING THE EGG SUPPLY.

It is not such a difficult matter to  
make the hens lay in summer as in win-  
ter, but nevertheless a little careful forc-  
ing will make every hen lay just a few  
more eggs a week, and they represent  
the extra profits paid for knowledge of  
the business. If you think that it is  
merely a matter of forcing the hens to  
eat more, figuring upon so many eggs to  
so many pounds of food, you will find  
sooner or later that the hens are not that  
kind of machines. They will refuse to  
make the returns expected, and before  
you know it the machine will be clogged  
up and no eggs will be forthcoming. In  
forcing the egg supply we are doing a  
work that requires the utmost skill and  
intelligence. It is much easier to force  
the fattening process of a hen than to  
force her to lay more than the regular  
normal amount of eggs. Indeed, most  
of the food you feed to a chicken goes to  
make fat, and very little of it forms eggs.  
In order to get the latter we must feed  
egg-forming food, not patent nostrums,  
but common food that contains the es-  
sential constituents of all eggs.

Forcing the hens to lay eggs is simply  
assisting nature to perform its work in  
the highest degree. We supply them with  
the needed elements to make eggs. All  
the so-called tonics and stimulants do  
little or no good unless food of the  
right kind is supplied. The tonics may  
increase the appetite, and the stimulants  
may force the system to more active  
work, but the gain is only temporary,  
and in the end a reaction is more than  
likely to follow. If the right foods are  
given the tonics and stimulants may, on  
occasions, do good, but as a rule a  
healthy hen needs neither. It is only  
when she is run down and not in good  
condition that she requires either a tonic  
or stimulant.

All this being taken for granted, the  
work of forcing the egg yield resolves  
itself into careful methods in feeding the  
hens. They must be given food that  
will not all go to fat, and if, in spite of  
the selection of the food, the birds show  
a tendency to fatten up too rapidly, they  
must be forced to take more exercise.  
Keep the laying hens busy in scratching  
a good part of the day, and they will eat  
more and lay more. Feed them plenty  
of ground green bone, pulverized shells,  
grit and green things. All of these, in-  
cluding scraps of meat, contain the ele-  
ments needed by the laying hens. Be  
more careful in feeding corn, which is  
sure to produce more fat than eggs, and  
the bread, meal and similar fattening  
articles. After one has fed the birds  
liberally, forced them to take plenty of  
exercise, and attended to their general  
health, there is little more that can be  
done. That is about all the forcing that  
will pay. There are other artificial  
methods, but their utility is rather doubt-  
ful.

### ANNE C. WEBSTER.



A TALE OF "WHOA".

MORNING.  
Goodby, old horse, we'll turn you out  
To roam o'er hill and plain;  
We've bought a horseless carriage, and  
We'll never need you again.  
With naphtha, oil or gasoline  
We'll ride from morn till dark.  
And on a Sunday afternoon  
Go puffing through the park.  
You're hardly worth a piece of pie,  
Goodbye, old horse, goodbye!

EVENING.  
Come here, old horse, we'll need your pull  
To get us home to night;  
This nasty, stinking, puffing thing  
Is not perfected quite.  
Ten miles from home it fussed and fumed  
And then refused to go.  
And, minus both a push and pull,  
It was a case of woe!  
If you'll return, so will our joy.  
Good boy, old horse, goodbye.

### ABOUT HORSES.

Of the "has-beens" there are many.  
Of the "is-beens" there are few.  
The "going to be's" are legions.  
But how few of those "is-beers" are.

### FROM NOW UNTIL SAGADAHOC COUNTY

Fair closes the season, the tracks will be  
busy and racing claim public attention.

In his second race at Roadville, Dan  
Westland fully redeemed himself, win-  
ning his race and dropping his record to  
2:15.

W. S. Gilbert, Livermore, is handling  
a 3-year-old pacer by Nelson which has  
worked a mile already this season in  
2:20.

Everything points to another year's  
great racing at the Maine State Fair,  
Sept. 3-7, and a big list of entries for the  
class events seems certain.

The fastest heat in a race trotted this  
year was at Columbus, O., Friday, when  
Crescens, by Robert McGregor, trotted  
three heats in 2:07 1/2, 2:06 and 2:00.

Harry Lee, Augusta, is gathering in a  
good stable of race horses, and best of  
all, they will be heard from in the races.  
Tom Nolan and Stub Wilkes are two  
good horses.

When one pauses to count noses it is  
surprising how the sons of Alcayone  
breed on and the high quality of the  
colts. In this respect he was a most  
prepotent sire.

Col. Morrill, Pittsfield, seems to have  
gotten hold of a good one in Laney, by  
Applejack. In his first race at Calais,  
last week, he won the last three heats,  
taking a mark of 2:24 1/2.

Look out for the horses' feet. We  
saw one lately being treated for thrush,  
when a careful examination showed a  
stub driven in alongside the frog. Its  
removal produced a cure.

While tracks in other states are de-  
claring races off, in Maine the entries are  
generous and races exciting. Evidently  
love for the horse and what he can do is  
stronger here than in some other parts  
of the country.

We predict that when the blue ribbons  
are hung out for the high steppers at  
Bangor and Lewiston the colts by Gip  
Anderson will come pretty close to the  
blue. There are some royal colts on the  
Kennebec by this horse.

Dan Westland, by Westland, proved  
himself a speedy horse in his race at  
Saugus, but a bad break the third heat  
lost him the race. There is no reason  
why the Westlands should not go, and  
every reason why they should.

Beulah, the black mare belonging to  
W. S. Ingraham of West Rockport won  
the race in the 2:50 class at Augusta,  
Saturday. It was won easy in three  
straight heats the best time being 2:35 1/2.  
Look out for this mare later in the sea-  
son.

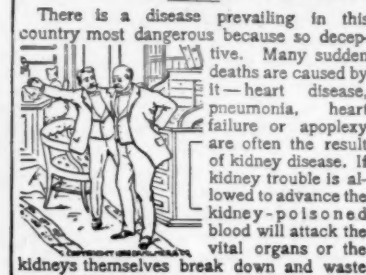
Remember the good racing promised  
at Augusta, August 10, 2:17, 2:19 and  
2:25 classes. Trotters to have one sec-  
ond advantage in record in two fastest  
classes and two seconds in 2:25. Entries  
close Aug. 10. This should be a big  
meeting.

Erastus Fletcher, North Anson, has a  
beautiful seal brown filly between three  
and four months old by Kenton, one of  
W. F. French's stallions. The dam is  
one of the best brood mares in the state  
and Mr. Fletcher has bred her again to  
the same horse.

Mr. Kimball C. Atwood of New York,  
that live Oxford county hustler, is mak-  
ing the same success with his race  
horses as with his farming or insurance.  
His horses are not getting records but  
winning races, and as most of them are  
of Maine origin the credit comes back  
to the state.

The trustees of the Aroostook Agri-  
cultural Society have decided to give  
the following classes and purses at their  
fair, to be held in Houlton on Sept. 5  
and 6: Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2:24 class,  
purse \$300; 2:29 class, purse \$300. Thurs-

## The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.



There is a disease prevailing in this  
country most dangerous because so decep-  
tive. Many sudden  
deaths are caused by  
it—heart disease,  
pneumonia, heart  
failure or apoplexy  
are often the result  
of kidney disease. If  
kidney trouble is al-  
lowed to advance the  
kidney-poisoned  
blood will attack the  
vital organs or the  
kidneys themselves break down and waste  
away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles most always result from  
a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is  
obtained quickest by a proper treatment of  
the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you  
can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's  
Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and  
bladder remedy.

It corrects inability to hold urine and scald-  
ing pain in passing it, and overcomes that  
unpleasant necessity of being compelled to  
go often during the day, and to get up many  
times during the night. The mild and the  
extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon  
realized. It stands the highest for its won-  
derful cures of the most distressing cases.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and sold  
by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar  
sized bottles. You may  
have a sample bottle of  
this wonderful new dis-  
covery and a book that  
tells all about it, both  
sent free by mail, Address Dr. Kilmer & Co.,  
Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention  
reading this generous offer in this paper.

day, Sept. 6, 2:19 class, purse \$300; 2:40  
class, purse \$200.

Those who have watched the horseless  
carriage have noticed as ready a disposi-  
tion to back without excuse as ever was  
witnessed in the harness by any horse.  
These machines will never excite the  
thrill of pleasure experienced when driv-  
ing behind a noble horse. The horse is  
not a thing of the past.

A good brood mare on the farm with a  
colt by her side, is an evidence of prosper-  
ity. We may figure cost of food, but the  
farmer who grows a colt every year has  
only to grow to fit the demand of the  
market to find that, somehow or  
other, the price realized is pretty good  
profit. It is so today, and will surely be  
so for the next ten years.

Another good horse that is attracting  
considerable attention and exciting fa-  
vorable comment about Strong is the 5-  
year-old colt belonging to Dr. C. W.  
Bell. He secured the colt a few days  
ago of S. W. Bates. The horse stands  
15.1 and weighs 1000 pounds. He is by  
Alcayone and dam by Patchenter. He  
is a strong grower and resembles Alcayone  
very much when he travels.

One thing the managers of tracks should  
insist upon, and that is, more  
backbone on the part of judges and a  
sharper observance of the rules by driv-  
ers. There is no call, and surely no ex-  
cuse for delays in starting races or pro-  
longed scoring, which always tires. The  
public will always be satisfied if the  
work is done promptly, but for this to  
be possible the managers must speak  
their piece to drivers and judges.

Already the public is asking if the  
stock from Elmwood stud farm, Lewiston  
Junction, is to be shown at the fairs this  
year. Mr. Sanborn's stables have  
always been a great centre of interest  
and his parades a feature of the fairs  
too important to be dropped out. No  
establishment in Maine can make so  
large, complete or valuable a showing as  
this and the demand for the pure bred  
and half-bred French coach colts only  
confirms the good opinion first formed  
regarding this stock.

A good pair may be searched for far  
and wide and not found, when, by bring-  
ing two horses together, right in the  
neighborhood, the desired combination  
is secured. This has lately been the re-  
sult in two cases in Augusta. Mr. H. R.  
Sturges had a fine gray, and Dr. H. B.  
Hill at the Hospital accidentally discover-  
ed he had a mate, and the pair sold at  
good figures. Now Mr. H. T. Cummings  
finds a pair in the browns owned by  
Messrs. Marson and Bruce, and these  
sold at once for a large sum. Pairs are  
in great demand, and fortunate is he  
who can find them.

### THE NATIONAL STOCKMAN, speaking of

the occasional sale of little trotters at  
fancy prices, sensibly says: The man  
who breeds small horses may now and  
then get an animal of this kind, but he  
has no assurance of this, or even of  
getting enough out of them to pay for  
their raising. Small pack horses do sell  
for fancy prices now and then, but for  
every little horse that brings a big price  
there are ten thousand that own their  
breeders money when they go to mar-  
ket. No breeder who has to make a liv-  
ing from his business can afford to take  
any such risks. Better breed big ones.  
Good big horses will average more than  
little ones of the same quality. Let the  
ranchmen produce the little fellows, they  
can do it cheapest, and go in for size  
along with quality.

In every great campaign the loss of  
horses is enormous. Napoleon's disas-  
trous retreat from Moscow is said to  
have cost him 45,000 out of 60,000 horses.  
During the Franco-German War, which  
lasted from May 1870, to May 1871, 941,  
000 men being engaged, something like  
50,000 horses were lost. In a campaign  
like the South African, the loss must be  
proportionately heavier, since large num-  
bers of the horses succumb to the con-  
ditions of life to which they are unused.  
In the Egyptian campaign of 1882, we  
found that the climate was far more  
fatal than the enemy's fire; half the  
English horses employed were disabled,  
and of these 600 died of disease or ex-  
haustion, while only 60 were killed in  
action. In a cavalry action, horses as  
the larger targets, suffer more heavily  
than the men. At Balclutha, the Light  
Brigade, 670 strong, lost 390 horses.

One good thing, at least, was accom-

plished by the late slump in trotting  
horse values, and that was to teach the  
"common people to appreciate the dif-  
ference between a sloppy, lunk-headed  
plodder or pacer for ordinary road and  
pleasure driving, says the Western Horse-  
man. Before the fall in prices a road  
horse with road manners and speed was  
seldom seen in the country and smaller  
cities, but when horses got so very cheap  
people who were formerly content to  
ride behind "any old thing" began buy-  
ing horses with some speed, and in this  
way they learned the difference between  
a road horse and a "blunderbus." The  
change in favor of the road horse was so  
great that people will now have a driv-  
ing horse possessing some merit as a  
roadster even though he comes high,  
and go where one may among the small-  
er cities he finds scores of at least pass-  
ably good road horses. In the larger  
cities the road horse craze is proportion-  
ately greater, and hundreds are in use  
to-day where few were seen half a dozen  
years ago. This means a perpetual and  
good demand for good horses.

### EXACTLY AS REPRESENTED.

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## WELCOME HOME.

Welcome home ye sons of Maine  
Ye sons and daughters too,  
Welcome to the old old home,  
Your happy childhood knew.Welcome to our green clad hills  
And valleys bright and fair,  
Welcome where the skies are clear,  
And pure and sweet the air.Welcome to our rocky coasts  
And harbors safe from harm,  
Welcome to our many lakes,  
And lakes so grand and calm.The skies are just as clear,  
The sunshine just as bright,  
The water just as cool, my friends,  
And sparkling in the light.Aon the day you left home  
To seek your fortunes fair,  
And left your father's counsel  
And your mother's love and care.Many of you will look in vain  
For the father, old and gray  
To meet you at the station  
In the old familiar way.He and the dear old mother  
New sleep beneath the sod,  
And their souls at peace forever  
With their earthly friends and God.Perhaps a brother or a sister  
In the old home doth dwell,  
Who will be pleased to greet you  
And know that all with you is well.Perhaps a stranger's hand is on the door,  
And his foot upon the sill,  
But when he learns it's your home  
There will be a welcome still.Perhaps the old home is empty  
And is crumbling with decay,  
And is the case, my friends,  
Repair it without delay.Make it a home to dwell in  
For a portion of your life;  
Show that you still cherish  
That home once so dear.Too many of Maine's "homesteads"  
Are deserted and decayed,  
But in this "Old Home Week"  
Hope doth see a star.So welcome to the homesteads  
That dot the smiling land,  
Sons and daughters, we greet you  
And extend to you a hand.With warm hands and warmer hearts  
And is crumbling with decay,  
A thousand times we welcome you,  
Who heed Old Maine's call.

Troy. B. F. H.

It is reported that the war in South  
Africa has thus far cost the English  
treasury \$300,000,000, and the end is not  
yet. Can any one comprehend the mag-  
nitude of these figures or the burden  
they impose on generations to come?For the inauguration of "Old Home  
Week" and for much of its success, let  
full credit be given Governor Rollins of  
New Hampshire, who first conceived the  
idea. Next week New Hampshire will  
entertain and every son of Maine will  
wish for a second happy reunion with  
increasing numbers.The annual report of Sec. Geo. W.  
Stockwell of the Rhode Island Board of  
Agriculture has been received and as  
usual is full of interesting and valuable  
material. The articles are all by well-  
known authorities and treat of the dif-  
ferent departments in a thorough and  
yet attractive manner.The new cheese factory at Ripley is  
turning out a grade of cheese which in-  
sures a ready sale. Fully 1500 to weigh  
35 lbs. each will be made this season.  
In July, 71 tons of milk were used at  
this factory, making it an industry of  
great value to northern Somerset. The  
demand is so good that work will con-  
tinue until November.The possibilities of celery culture on  
the peat bogs of Washington county are  
almost without limit and the managers  
of the new railroad are doing the county  
good service in developing this industry.  
That section of Maine may be made to  
rival Kalamazoo, Mich., in growing celery,  
and bring profit to every grower. This  
is good business for which the land is  
naturally adapted, but the cattle ranch  
business can hardly thrive with fully six  
months' winter and a bleak one at that.In closing an eloquent address in Port-  
land, Tuesday, Hon. T. B. Reed proposed  
this eloquent toast to his native state:  
"Here's to the State of Maine, settled  
mainly by the blood of old England, but  
always preferring liberty to ancestry, a  
strong old democratic state, yet the first  
to help to give liberty to the slave—may  
her future be as noble as her past. Here's  
to the State of Maine, the land of the  
bluest skies, the greenest earth, the rich-  
est air, the strongest, and what is better,  
the sturdiest men, the fairest, and, what  
is best of all, the truest women under  
the sun."Portland has been giving the citizens  
of other towns and cities of  
Maine a grand illustration of what enter-  
prise and patriotism can do in organizing

"Old Home Week" celebration. Never  
has the beautiful city looked more at-  
tractive and surely never have the citi-  
zens manifested more enthusiasm or  
public spirit. Other cities and towns  
will do what they can but to Portland let  
the honor be given for a grand demon-  
stration which opened wide the doors to  
all the festivities of the week. From  
far-away Seattle the boys and girls came  
home by scores while Massachusetts sent  
down two train loads to sniff again the  
Maine air and eat once more green apples  
from the old summer sweet tree in the  
familiar dooryard. Maine has been grow-  
ing since her sons left her and the estab-  
lishment of "Old Home Week" yearly  
will surely quicken the fires of enthu-  
siasm and keep in touch the energies ne-  
cessary for still greater accomplishments.

This free country is getting altogether  
too free when Boston Common is allowed  
to be occupied on Sunday by blatant  
bawlers whose remarks were about  
equally divided between vulgarity and  
blasphemy. Last Sunday the political  
speakers were giving their hearers pure  
religion and undefiled, when compared  
with the utterances of the men whose  
remarks were more or less (principally  
less) remotely connected with so-called  
sacred things. A lawyer in the company  
of listeners was heard to remark to a  
friend that Justice Story, in his supreme  
court reports, has declared that the di-  
vine origin and truth of Christianity be-  
ing admitted, are, therefore, not to be  
maliciously and openly blasphemed, to  
the annoyance of believers and the injury  
of the public. It would seem that the  
simplest way out of the whole matter  
would be the suppression of all Sunday  
oratory on the Common, since such  
demonstrations cannot by the utmost  
stretch of the imagination be regarded  
as either a luxury or a necessity.

In the Sunday Herald, Uncle Solon  
Chase throws out a bit of philosophy  
which may well be meditated upon. The  
refreshing rains that came too late to  
benefit the hay crop have helped the  
corn, oats and millet, and if seasonable  
rains continue, the corn fodder, the oat  
hay and millet will help out the short  
hay crop, so there will be forage enough  
to carry our stock through. We can't  
raise crops without rain and sunshine,  
and the sunshine and the rain fall alike  
on the just and the unjust. We can de-  
pend on Providence for enough of sun-  
shine, but Providence does not always  
provide enough rain where most needed.  
I believe in Providence, but I believe  
that Providence sometimes needs a  
bracer. Providence provided the rain  
we needed for our crops, but we let it  
run into the sea in the spring of the  
year. While we devote our energies to  
building guns that cost a million dollars  
apiece, we let the rain run to waste and  
hire preachers to pray for rain and brace  
up Providence with big guns. Our coun-  
try is stricken with drought from the  
coast of Maine to the Golden Gate, and  
we are spending millions to build guns  
that are liable to kill somebody or tear  
down somebody's house.

## OLD HOME WEEK CELEBRATION.

Portland, Bath and Bangor are doing  
the heavy celebrating for the state this  
week, although many smaller places are  
not allowing the occasion to pass by un-  
noticed. The observance of the week  
began in Portland Sunday in the city  
churches. At the second Parish church  
the venerable Elijah Kellogg spoke to a  
large audience.

An Old Home Week concert, to which  
only Portland residents and their friends  
from out of town were admitted, was  
given in City Hall Monday evening.  
Tuesday was the great day of the feast,  
made notable by a monster parade, fire-  
man's muster, boat race, fireworks, and  
evening electrical display on the White  
Squadron, which has come to grace the  
Maine waters for this festival. Portland  
is gay with bunting and crowded with  
people, special trains having poured in  
from all quarters. 5 carloads of Maine  
people came from Minnesota, and one  
from Seattle, Wash.

The White Squadron will divide up  
during the rest of the week, the Kea-  
rse and Indians going to Rockland, the  
Texas to Belfast, and the Kentucky and  
Massachusetts to Bath.

Bangor's chief celebration will be on  
Thursday. A floral parade in the after-  
noon and canoe parade in the evening,  
with public exercises in City Hall, will  
be the principal features.

Bath has arranged for a five days' pro-  
gram, beginning on Thursday.  
Several launchings will be an attrac-  
tion peculiar to the ship-building city,  
and parades, races, balloon ascensions,  
etc., besides the more solid features of  
orations and receptions in which distin-  
guished sons of Maine will be conspicu-  
ous, will make the week memorable.  
Saturday evening there will be a grand  
water carnival with fireworks by Paine.

Biddeford has a parade, Dexter a ban-  
quet, Seaboard a clam bake, Scarborough  
a baked bean dinner, Brunswick a parade  
and reunion at Merrymeeting Park, and  
so on. Everywhere except up the Ken-  
nebec, enthusiasm runs high. But our  
friends here will find the latch-string out  
and a warm welcome awaiting them just  
the same. We have been so busy cook-  
ing good things for them to eat that we  
have not had time to get up any fire-  
works, and the route of the parade will  
be chiefly from the kitchen to the din-  
ing table. Secure your seats before it is  
too late.

## WAS IT A MISTAKE?

The vital issue of the Civil War hinged  
upon the emancipation of the slaves and  
the establishment of free government.  
Following this came the amendment to  
the constitution granting the right of  
suffrage, and from that time to the pre-  
sent the struggle for supremacy between  
whites and blacks, or for control of the  
black vote, has been the chief factor in  
Southern politics. Now the scene is  
shifting and upon one pretense or an-  
other the states are enacting amend-  
ments to their constitutions which take  
away the right granted by Congress. In  
North Carolina, where a reign of terror  
has existed for a long time, white rule

has now been declared by the adoption  
of a constitutional amendment disfran-  
chising the negroes by a majority of over  
40,000. Of course the blacks did not  
vote. In the majority of cases they  
dared not and today they stand as serfs  
in what we boast of as a free government.

Was it a mistake that the Civil War  
was fought, and the rights of citizenship  
extended to 4,000,000 blacks? Is time to  
write "failure" upon this page of Ameri-  
can history? Are the blacks of America  
South to be forced back into a condition  
of serfdom and practically held in bond-  
age by state laws? Is education for the  
masses, which has always been the  
watchword of a free people, to be con-  
sidered to apply only to those whose skin  
is white?

The constitutional restriction voted  
upon in North Carolina last week is  
made by the practical effect of its terms  
to apply almost exclusively to the negro  
race, as it provides that no male person  
who was on Jan. 1, 1867, or at any time  
prior thereto, entitled to vote under the  
laws of any state in the United States  
wherein he then resided, and no lineal  
descendant of any such person, is to be  
precluded from voting in North Carolina,  
even though he may not be able to read  
or write any section of the constitution  
in the English language. No matter  
how dense the ignorance of an individ-  
ual, if his father or grandfather was a  
voter when universal suffrage was de-  
clared the law of the land, he is to be  
protected. It remains to be seen what  
action the United States Supreme Court  
will take upon this when an appeal is  
made to that body. Other states are  
reaching the same end though not by as  
direct a policy and the day is not far dis-  
tant when the negro vote will be practi-  
cally of no account unless the govern-  
ment at Washington protects those upon  
whom it has granted the privileges of  
citizenship.

## UNCLE SOLON ON OLD HOME WEEK.

Solon Chase in his letter to the *Boston  
Herald* dated Aug. 4, discourses on the  
subject of "Old Home Week" in his  
usual breezy fashion, but with his feet  
planted on the solid bed-rock of com-  
mon sense, as is his wont. He says:  
"We have swung wide open the 'fore  
room' door and welcome all old home  
comers to our homes and hearthstones.  
It is said Maine is a good place to  
come back to. If Maine should be annexed  
to New Brunswick, Maine would run the  
Dominion of Canada, but some of the  
governors and congressmen.

You of the old home comers who come  
back as governors and congressmen, we  
congratulate you on your good fortune  
and rejoice to see the sons of Maine be-  
come and shine in other climes, but if you  
belong to the tribe of the man with the  
hoe, you will be just as welcome.

When Horace Greeley promulgated his  
famous epigram, "Go West, young man,"  
Maine went and planted the seeds of  
thrift and industry from the coast of  
Maine to the golden sands of the Pacific.  
Maine has gone West and driven down  
stakes all the way, that mark the line of  
progress. But we have home talent left  
yet. In the councils of the nation we  
stand the peer of the mother state of  
Massachusetts and the Empire state of  
New York.

We invite the old homers to come back  
from Canada, as well as from the states.  
Maine is thrust up into Canada in the  
form of a wedge. I expect the time to  
come when a Maine born Yankee will be  
premier of Canada.

Ex-Gov. Merrill of Iowa, who died in  
California last year, was raised on one of  
the abandoned farms in Turner. After he  
had been away from the state 40  
years and was governor of Iowa, he came  
back to his old home. As he was pass-  
ing through the old neighborhood he  
saw Dea. Ramsdell out in the dooryard  
splitting wood. When he made himself  
known the deacon was delighted to see  
him, and said he must go into the house  
and see his wife. The old lady looked  
him over and exclaimed with wonder and  
amazement: "Why, Sam, how you have  
grown!"

Sam had 'grewed' from the 15-year-  
old strapping to the 200-pound governor  
of the Hawkeye state. If Sam had  
stuck to the old farm and kept the build-  
ings up and the bushes down, he would  
hardly have 'grewed' into the govern-  
or's chair in the Pine Tree State, for  
governor timber in Maine is as plenty  
and grows as fast as the hoop poles in  
our swamps."

## THE PAUL REVERE BELL.

Few of the citizens of Maine have  
remembered that the Paul Revere bell  
hung in the belfry of the old church at  
Wiscasset, but on Sunday the citizens of  
that town, with "Old Home Week"  
visitors, celebrated the centennial anni-  
versary of its being placed in the belfry  
of the Old Meeting House.

The exercises were held in the old  
First Parish Church. Masses of national  
colors, effectively draped, and a pro-  
cession of summer flowers were used as  
decorations.  
The choir sang "Keller's American  
Hymn" and prayer was offered by the  
Rev. A. P. McDonald. A few intro-  
ductory remarks by Dr. Clarence A.  
Peaslee were followed by a historical  
sketch by Rufus K. Sewall, vice-presi-  
dent of the Maine Historical Society and  
secretary of the Lincoln County Historical  
Society.

A short address was given by Thomas  
M. Babson of Boston, one of Wiscasset's  
distinguished sons. He paid tribute to  
Paul Revere, the brave soldier and  
simple and industrious citizen.  
Speeches were made by John C. Grant  
of Chicago, the Rev. John Gregson,  
rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church,  
W. Fred P. Fogg, Horace E. Henderson  
of New York and the Rev. A. P. Mc-  
Donald.

A most effective number on the pro-  
gramme was the singing by the choir of  
a hymn, written for the occasion by Mrs.  
Annette H. Hobson of California, who  
was born in Wiscasset, a daughter of the  
late Wm. Hubbard. The hymn was  
first read by John Gregson, Jr., and dur-

ing the singing the bell was tolled by  
Mr. Wilbur F. Merrill. Songs between  
the addresses by Miss Mae Low and Miss  
Marion Stuart were much enjoyed. The  
exercises were closed by the singing of  
"America" by the audience, and the  
benediction by the Rev. Mr. McDonald.

## THE MAINE STATE FAIR.

Every son of Maine is interested in the  
old State Fair at Lewiston and rejoicing  
that it is making such rapid improve-  
ments. The story is well told in the  
half page advertisement elsewhere. Such  
enterprise will attract and already Sec.  
Clarke reports a large lot of entries  
showing that the stock and products of  
Maine are to be seen at Lewiston this  
year in larger quantities than ever.

The trustees are arranging the most  
complete round of attractions ever of-  
fered, including full evening entertain-  
ments in front of the grand stand, the  
whole grounds to be brilliantly illumi-  
nated by electricity. The list of classes  
for the races will insure the fastest and  
best horses in the East and the week  
promises to be the most eventful in the  
history of the society. The first week of  
Sept. in Maine is vacation week with the  
great majority and the Maine State Fair  
the meeting place of thousands. With  
extra inducements and special trains  
from every section this year will be no  
exception. Read the advertisement care-  
fully.

FROM AUGUST BULLETIN, MAINE BOARD  
OF AGRICULTURE.

The following averages of crop condi-  
tions are made by counties:  
Androscoggin County.  
Condition of fruit, 83 per cent.; grain,  
87; hoed crops, 90. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 84 per cent. Potato beetles  
are plenty as usual. No new insecticides  
reported. No indications of rust on pota-  
toes. Some Bordeaux mixture being used  
in a few instances.

## Aroostook County.

Condition of fruit, 92 per cent.; grain,  
102; hoed crops, 90. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 91 per cent. Potato beetles  
are fully as numerous as usual. No new  
insecticides reported. No indications of  
rust on potatoes. Some Bordeaux mixture  
being used.

## Cumberland County.

Condition of fruit, 90 per cent.; grain,  
88; hoed crops, 91. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 95 per cent. Potato beetles  
are fully as numerous as usual. Bowker's  
Boxal and Disparene are reported as hav-  
ing been tried to a small extent, with  
fair results. No indications of rust on  
potatoes. A little Bordeaux mixture is  
being used in several localities.

## Franklin County.

Condition of fruit, 95 per cent.; grain,  
97; hoed crops, 98. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 75 per cent. Potato beetles  
are about as numerous as usual. No new  
insecticides reported. Boxal. No indica-  
tions of rust on potatoes. But little  
Bordeaux mixture being used.

## Hancock County.

Condition of fruit, 92 per cent.; grain,  
92; hoed crops, 83. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 85 per cent. Potato beetles  
are fully as numerous as usual. No new  
insecticides reported. No indications of  
rust on potatoes. Some Bordeaux mixture  
being used, with good results.

## Kennebec County.

Condition of fruit, 71 per cent.; grain,  
90; hoed crops, 89. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 95 per cent. Potato beetles  
are unusually plenty in most sections.  
New insecticides used, Black Death, with  
fair results. Disparene in a small way,  
which did not prove as effective as Paris  
green. No indications of rust on pota-  
toes in most sections. Very little Bor-  
deaux mixture being used.

## Knox County.

Condition of fruit, 83 per cent.; grain,  
83; hoed crops, 78. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 87 per cent. Potato beetles  
are about as numerous as usual. No new  
insecticides being used. Some indica-  
tions of rust on potatoes in a few locali-  
ties. A very little Bordeaux mixture be-  
ing used.

## Lincoln County.

Condition of fruit, 97 per cent.; grain,  
91; hoed crops, 84. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 95 per cent. Potato beetles  
are nearly as numerous as usual. New in-  
secticides used, Black Death, with good  
results. No indications of rust on pota-  
toes. No Bordeaux mixture being used.

## Oxford County.

Condition of fruit, 104 per cent.; grain,  
90; hoed crops, 84. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 83 per cent. Potato beetles  
are as numerous as usual. No new in-  
secticides reported. No indications of  
rust on potatoes in most parts. Bor-  
deaux mixture is not used to any extent.

## Penobscot County.

Condition of fruit, 97 per cent.; grain,  
100; hoed crops, 97. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 95 per cent. Potato beetles  
are somewhat more numerous than usual.  
New insecticides, Black Death, with  
satisfactory results. No indications of  
rust on potatoes. A little Bordeaux mixture  
being used.

## Piscataquis County.

Condition of fruit, 100 per cent.; grain,  
96; hoed crops, 98. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 86 per cent. Potato beetles  
are as numerous as usual. No new in-  
secticides reported. No indications of  
rust on potatoes. Bordeaux mixture is  
being used extensively in some locali-  
ties.

## Sagadahoc County.

Condition of fruit, 91 per cent.; grain,  
81; hoed crops, 80. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 90 per cent. Potato beetles  
are fully as numerous as usual. New in-  
secticides used, Black Death, with vary-  
ing results. No rust on potatoes in  
most sections. No Bordeaux mixture  
being used.

## Somerset County.

Condition of fruit, 85 per cent.; grain,  
100; hoed crops, 86. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 90 per cent. Potato beetles  
about the same as usual. No new in-  
secticides being used. No indications of  
rust on potatoes. Bordeaux mixture is  
not generally being used.

York County.  
Condition of fruit, 100 per cent.; grain,  
81; hoed crops, 83. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 91 per cent. Potato beetles  
nearly as numerous as usual. No new in-  
secticides reported. A little rust on po-  
tatoes quite generally reported, particu-  
larly on early varieties. Bordeaux mix-  
ture is not being used to any extent.

General Average for the State.  
Condition of fruit, 92 per cent.; grain,  
92; hoed crops, 91. Proportion of hay  
harvested, 84 per cent. Potatoes are  
generally reported as not affected by  
rust to any extent. A small amount of  
Bordeaux mixture is being used in near-  
ly every county, particularly in Hancock  
and Penobscot counties.

## LATEST FROM CHINA.

The following cablegram from Minis-  
ter Conger was received, Tuesday night,  
by the state department:  
"Tai Nan Yamen, Aug. 7.—Secretary  
of State: Still besieged. Situation more  
precarious. Chinese government insist-  
ing upon our leaving Peking, which would  
be certain death. Ride firing upon us  
daily by imperial troops. Have abund-  
ant courage, but little ammunition or  
provisions. Two progressive Yamen  
ministers believe that, all connected with  
legation of the United States well at the  
present moment."  
(Signed) Conger."

This message was probably sent not  
later than Aug. 1.  
The Japanese consul received by wire,  
a message to the effect that the foreign  
ministers at Peking were safe Aug. 1, but  
that they expected a renewal of the  
attack at any moment. It was added  
that only 25 cartridges each and 6 days'  
provisions were left. It was also said  
that the Japanese secretary had died of  
his wounds. The dictum of Li Hung  
Chang is that the officials are held as  
hostages, the evident purpose being to  
prevent an advance and give opportunity  
for more complete preparations for war.

## MAINE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

A series of farmers' institutes has  
been planned for Hancock County to be  
held at North Sedgwick, August 14,  
1900, at the residence of Mr. J. E. Babb.—Mr. Al  
Bluehill August 16, Dedham, August 17,  
and West Gouldsboro August 18, with  
free sessions each day. Prof. C. G. Correll,  
Secretary McKean, and Prof. Woodworth  
will be the speakers. The subjects to be  
discussed are Cattle Husbandry, the  
Renovation of Worn Soils, Poultry and  
Fruit.

Arrangements for the good roads  
meeting at the office of the Board on  
August 22nd are very nearly completed.  
Mr. Percy H. Richardson, C. E. of Port-  
land has been secured for a lecture, and  
partially insured. Water in the same  
evening a fire was discovered in Law-  
rence Bros. saw mill, but was exting-  
uished without much loss.

## SIMPSON REUNION.

There will be a grand reunion on Aug.  
22, 1900, at Merrymeeting Park, Brun-  
swick, Me., of the descendants of William  
and Agnes Lewis Simpson, who settled  
in Brunswick about the year 1735, to  
which all descendants and their families  
are cordially invited. Those desir-  
ing to be present at the reunion at a moderate  
expense.

The Rev. Elijah Kellogg is expected to  
be present and will deliver a short ad-  
dress, which will be of interest to all.  
It is desired that all those who expect  
to be present will please notify Mrs.  
Alice Simpson, Ltd., So. Durham, Me.,  
or Mr. A. T. Simpson, 112 Sherman  
street, Portland, Me., at as early a date  
as possible.

One of the most shocking accidents  
imaginable happened at Bryant's Pond,  
Monday afternoon, when by the explosion  
of a kerosene stove the clothing of  
Mrs. Daniel Spearling took fire and was  
entirely burned from her body save the  
collar about her neck. With every shred  
of her garments burned from her body,  
she lay dead until late, she feared that  
she would die and knowing death to be  
near, this young mother crawled and  
dragged herself for a quarter of a mile  
in order to place her baby in kindly  
arms of a friend. Her flesh was black-  
ened and burned until it bore no re-  
semblance to the flesh of a human being.  
Her sufferings were such as may not be  
imagined. Knowing that her husband  
would not be home until late, she feared  
that she would die and that her baby  
would be left alone with night coming  
on, and taking her baby in her arms she  
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The Premium list for the Kennebec  
County Fair is in the hands of Secretary  
G. W. Hinton, Readfield, and being dis-  
tributed among exhibitors. A postal  
card will receive a copy without delay.  
With the radical changes at the grounds,  
the new revised list, which is for cattle  
and improvement everywhere, this  
old and reliable society is close to the  
band wagon. The dates are Sept. 11, 12  
and 13.

One who has tried Kentucky blue-  
grass for lawns says that the best way,  
if the land has a poor soil, is to cut out  
sections one inch square, about one foot  
apart, sow the seed and cover the same.  
It will gradually spread until the whole  
sod is strong and vigorous. This is well  
worth trying.

## City News.

A fire and drum corps was organized  
among the City High School boys Wed-  
nesday evening, with 15 members. H.  
L. Strickland will be the instructor.

Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of  
the U. S. Supreme Court, accompanied  
by his wife, has been making a short  
visit in his native city. The Chief Jus-  
tice with his family are spending the  
summer at Sorrento.

Landlord Capen of the Augusta  
House, has recently been visited by his  
cousin, Prof. C. J. Capen of Boston, a  
hale old gentleman of 71 winters. Prof.  
Capen has been a teacher in the Boston  
Latin School for 48 years and has been the  
Chief Consulting Physician to the Peabody  
Medical College, No. 4 Bulfinch St., (opp.  
Severe House), Boston, Mass., during the  
past thirty years. Know Thyself Manual,  
a Vade Mecum Pamphlet, free to every male  
reader of this paper: 4 cents for postage.  
Write for these books today. They are the  
most valuable, clear, manly and happy-  
ness. Address as above. Consultation by let-  
ter or in person from 9 to 6; Sundays, 10  
to 1. Export treatment and positive cure.  
The Peabody Medical Institute is the  
medical center of this country, and it will remain  
so until the world is free of disease. Boston  
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With a gypsy encampment of fortune  
tellers at each end of Water street,  
Augusta people have no excuse for igno-  
rance in regard to the future. These  
wise women will tell your fortune for 10  
cents, but that is a sort of bargain sale  
affair. A better fortune, all wool and  
yard wide may be obtained by crossing  
their palm with 25 cents in coin of the  
realm.

Last Thursday evening, by the  
courtesy of the Misses Eaton, of Chest-  
nut St., we had the pleasure of witness-  
ing the rare sight of the opening of  
seventeen blossoms on their Night  
Blossoming Cereus. The plant, twenty  
five years old and at one time had  
twenty-five blossoms. Of itself it was a  
magnificent "flower show." These  
ladies have wonderful success with their  
garden and plants and are most generous  
in giving and affording pleasure to  
others. Long may these good people  
live to enjoy and out of their wealth of  
blossoms give comfort to others.

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## A Little Spark May

## Make Much Work.

The little "sparks" of bad blood lurking in the system should be quenched with Wood's Sarsaparilla, America's great blood purifier. It purifies, vitalizes and enriches blood of both sexes and all ages. Cures eczema, salt rheum, dyspepsia, catarrh.

Wood's Sarsaparilla  
Never Disappoints

AUGUST 16th

WE SHALL HOLD THE  
FAST RACE MEETING

At this track for the  
season of 1900.

Our races in the past have been  
praised good by all. For this one we  
assure the public an afternoon's  
entertainment of the highest variety.

2.17 Class, \$200  
2.19 Class, 200  
2.25 Class, 150

Good purses bring fast horses. Fast  
horses bring out the people. We shall  
have the best horses in the State on our  
track, August 16th.

PLAN TO COME!

LEE & LISHNESS.

You Wish to Teach?

IF SO, YOU MUST POSSESS

SOLARSHIP—a thorough knowledge of  
the subjects to be taught.  
SOLARSHIP—a thorough knowledge of how  
they are to be taught.  
SOLARSHIP—a thorough knowledge of why  
they are to be so taught.  
SOLARSHIP—a thorough knowledge of the  
methods necessary, but the Method and Sci-  
ence are worthless without the Scholarship.  
can gain all three by taking the

NORMAL COURSE

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MAINE WESLEYAN SEMINARY  
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40 tons best English hay. Cream can  
old at door for 25 cents net per pound for  
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1 fence, abundance wood. Over 100  
apple trees, cherry, plum, grapes, straw-  
berries, blackberries, raspberries. Com-  
plete house, 8 rooms, 1 1/2 story with oil  
and blued, hard wood floors, ce-  
mented cellar. New cattle barn with cellar,  
boarded and painted, 40x60. Sheep barn  
60x100, carriage house, 2 horse stalls, ice house,  
house, granary. Only one mile to  
Kent's Hill Seminary; good stores, public  
school, church, 2 mail daily. Telephone ex-  
change. Buildings in good repair, nice shade,  
looking beautiful lake. For farm in  
fine condition. Improved by late owner  
and well equipped. Only \$2,300.  
All farming tools and machinery. Best  
farm in Kennebec county.  
Apply to A. STROUT, Kent's Hill, Me.

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Games for the Summer

NEW BOARDERS desired for the sea-  
son. Private family, farm, fine location near  
road; pleasant drives. Mrs. DUDLEY L.  
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SEVERAL SUMMER BOARDERS DE-  
sired. Farm, good location, large house and  
barn. Pleasant drives, good crops. Address,  
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MADELAND FARM, Rockport, Me.,  
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SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM to be announced later, including

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and many other features which must be seen to be appreciated.

The CLASS EVENTS are now open. Look them over and make your entries by the 18th, when the entries close.

For blanks and all particulars write to GEO. H. CLARKE, Secretary, No. Anson, Maine.

## State News.

John Whitney of Rockport, committed suicide Sunday by drowning. The act was due to insanity.

A severe hailstorm passed over Mercer, Me. Thursday. The road was white where it had passed over.

Hon. Matthew L. Quay of Pennsylvania is a distinguished visitor in Maine just now, bound for the Massachusetts place.

A forest fire is burning near Lewiston, and has burned over 200 acres of wood-land. There is also a fire in the past bog on the Dr. Garcelon place.

Flora Grant of Bath, attempted suicide at the home of Albert W. Torrey of Rockland, Friday night, by taking poison. Prompt medical assistance saved her life.

Herbert Gardner of Machias, a respected citizen, on his thirteenth birthday night had his recovery is doubtful. Deranged mental condition is assigned as the cause for the deed.

A forest fire has been raging two days at North Saco, burning over a large territory. A farmer named Durgin was threatened by exhaustion Saturday while fighting the fire.

Three men made a bold attack on the proprietor of a Chinese laundry in Lewiston, Monday night, and robbed the money drawer of about \$10. They escaped without being apprehended.

John F. Webb of South Windham, while walking on the railroad track near Westbrook Sunday, was struck and killed by an excursion train. He was dead and dumb and did not hear the approaching train.

The packing house at Pine Point, owned by the Leavitt Bros. and H. E. Harvey, was entirely destroyed by fire, which was thought to be of incendiary origin, on Sunday morning. Loss \$8,000; insured for \$3,500.

As Merrill of Cumberland, was burned out of \$1,500 by two swindlers in Portland last week. The scheme was the so-called "sawdust game." The police are searching for the men but without much hope of finding them.

Harold Hoyt, the 8-year-old son of L. R. Hoyt of North Franklin, was playing in a shed when he fell through a window which was standing near by. The boy was badly cut by the broken glass, one leg receiving two severe cuts nearly to the bone.

Ernest Dufresne, driver of a delivery wagon in Saco, was held up by four highwaymen Saturday night while driving through the woods near Ocean Park. They went through all his pockets and relieved him of about \$75 in cash, the results of his week's collections.

Edward N. White of Stillwater, was drowned Sunday morning in the river near Pushaw Falls. His canoe, a cranky little craft, was overturned by the swift current, and he was thrown into the water. He started to swim for the shore, but sank when about 20 feet away. White was 41 years old and leaves a wife and one son.

Prof. W. W. Munson of the University of Maine was seriously injured last week while riding down Bridge Hill at Orono on his wheel. He sustained a broken collar bone and concussion of

the brain, but is getting along as well as could be expected. It will be several weeks before he will be able to attend to his work.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Geo. Snow of Mercer had his leg broken by the kick of a horse. Last Saturday his son went to Starks with the same horse, and while going down a hill the horse kicked again, breaking the young man's leg in the same place and manner as that of his father. The horse has been killed and the two men are mingling their tears together.

Rev. James Augustine Healy, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Maine, died at his home in Portland Sunday afternoon, from acute indigestion. His illness lasted but a few hours.

Bishop Healy was 60 years old, and had been in charge of this diocese since 1875. The 25th anniversary of his consecration as bishop was celebrated last June with impressive ceremonies.

Quite a serious runaway accident occurred at Kingfield on Sunday. A party of young people were driving down a steep hill when the horse shook the bridle off and began to run. One couple jumped, but the others clung to the carriage until thrown out. Miss Lydia Woodward sprained her ankle in jumping, and was badly shaken up. Her sister had her collar bone fractured and an ankle sprained besides other injuries.

A new industry is promised for Ellsworth. The Boston Reduction Company have secured a five years' lease of a lower dam property, and propose to erect a large reducing plant for the purpose of refining lead and zinc sulphate ores. The ores will be brought in vessels. Several thousand dollars will be expended at the dam in improvements and the erection of the plant. About 500 men will be employed by the company.

A mysterious mortality in cattle is occurring at Bridgewater. Thomas Cook, a leading farmer, lost 18 head lately, and began to investigate. A veterinary surgeon was called who examined the animals but found no cause for death unless caused by the water supply. The cattle drank from a stream into which the refuse of a tannery flows. Farmers living near this stream have lost cattle in years past, when the water was low, but have not laid it to that as a cause. A sample of the water has been sent to the State Board of Health for analysis.

Elmer. The Congregational church will be closed during this month. The Endeavorers will continue their regular Sunday evening service in the vestry.

Mrs. Frederick Bibbee with her two children from Berlin, N. H. are visiting at the Methodist parsonage, the guests of Rev. F. C. Potter and wife.

There are fewer boarders in town this summer than for several seasons.—Farmers in this section report the hay crop as being about one-half that usually cut. The grass has been housed in excellent condition, very little standing at this date.

The fruit orchards are now showing up an abundance of fine looking apples and pears. Some peach orchards are promising large, delicious peaches a little later in the season.—The drought has injured the potato crop very materially, and a small yield is predicted.

Feed in the pastures is very scant, and the yield of milk has been considerably lessened.—Blueberries are not very plentiful, owing to the drought, and are commanding a better price in the market than last year.

BETHEL. Seldom is this village saddened as it was Friday morning, August 3, by the news that early on the

same morning had occurred the death of Mrs. Varley, wife of Rev. Arthur Varley. She had been ill but a short time and up to a late hour Thursday night the sickness had not been thought serious. The immediate cause of death was apoplexy.

During the two years of Mr. Varley's stay in Bethel both he and his wife have won many friends and the whole community mourns that death should come so early to one who by her pure, sweet life had won the esteem and love of all who knew her. Short funeral services were held at the Congregational Church Saturday morning and the remains were then taken to Wilton, the former home of Mrs. Varley.—Friday afternoon at Rev. Mr. Rand was harnessing his horse in the door yard he fell upon the concrete drive-way in such a manner as to dislocate his hip.—Rain is very much needed in this section for crops are fast drying up while apples are withering and dropping from the trees.—Mr. John Preston True of Boston is visiting at Dr. J. G. Gehring's.—Will Bean, of the United States Battleship New York, spent Sunday with his parents.

HARMONY. Haymaking is over with very few exceptions and a light crop has been harvested in first class condition.—The festive grasshopper is abroad in the land, and in some places his name is legion.—Considerable new machinery has been purchased this year for haying. G. H. Rhoades has sold six new mowing machines and several horse rakes.—There are several former residents who have gotten ahead of Old Home week and come to the old home, among whom we may mention Mrs. Frank Chabourn of Lowell, Mass., and her sister, Miss Caroline Laughton of Boston, at G. D. Laughton's; Mrs. Ellen Bryant and daughter of Lowell, Mass., at Mrs. H. J. Davis'; Mrs. Webster Hurd and daughter of Minneapolis, at D. G. Magoon's; Mrs. G. R. Chabourn and three children of Auburn, Me., at Mrs. H. J. Goodrich's; Mrs. Hayes of Ohio, at V. M. Estes'; and several more are expected this week.—Mrs. Sabrina Dore is at Shirley with her daughter, Mrs. John Church, who is ill.—Miss Ole Bailey of Dexter, is visiting her grandparents here.—Mr. Horace McLaughlin and sister of Farmington, have been spending a few days at R. H. Reed's.—Raspberries are plenty and very good, but blueberries are not so plenty as last year. Apples will be a light crop.—Eugene Dow and family of Medford, Mass., are expected this week for a visit to Mrs. Dow's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin.

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held up near Hugo, Colo., by robbers, and the passengers relieved of their money and valuables. One old man refused to give up his valuables, and was instantly shot by the robbers.

Fred Hines, 13 years old, of Fresno, Cal., confesses to poisoning his father who is now dangerously ill. He says that his father treated him unkindly and refused to allow him to drive his team.

A murder occurred Saturday night in a bar-room connected with a dancing pavilion at Catskill, N. Y. William Hoolford of New York shot and killed Will of Ryan of Catskill. Two other men are also under arrest.

A dispatch has been received at the Japanese legation at Washington from the Japanese foreign office announcing that the government of Japan had prohibited for the present all emigration of Japanese laborers to the United States and Canada.

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San Miguel De Wayuma (Luzon) and San Isidro (Luzon) by armed insurgents reported 35 strong, entire party killed, wounded or captured.

FARM NOTES.

Mr. Editor: Hay is secure in the barns this season, one of the smallest yields on record, some 10 per cent. below last year and last year's was a 50 per cent. crop, making this one less than 40 per cent. of the average. One man that cut 100 loads two years ago cut 25 loads this year, another that cut 97 loads that year took in 28 this; a number of similar cases could be cited.

Pastures are very hard indeed, grasshoppers devour the grass as soon as it starts. Nothing green in the fields, the drought and hoppers make them look as though the fire had run over them.

The early potatoes are rather a light crop, 75 per cent. of the average, but they are higher in market than they were two weeks ago.

Corn has made a fine growth but now begins to roll and will on dry ground and can not ear without rain.

Late potatoes must be small and few in a hill, unless on very moist land. Apples dropping badly and need rain to give them size. It looks as though there would be enough but not an over crop.

Kennebunk. It is very dry. Pastures are so dry that the stock must be fed from the barns. The crop of hay was about as last year and on low ground better. Crops as good as can be expected. There promises to be a full crop of apples, and the question is, shall they go onto the market marked Maine's fruit or Canada's as a few years ago? There is a full line of summer travel over the Sebago Lake Route.

Naples.

GOOD WILL ASSEMBLY.

The eighth Assembly at Good Will Pines, East Fairfield, closed Sunday after a 10 days' session of unusual interest and success. The weather has been remarkably fine for camping, no accidents occurred to break the harmony of the occasion, and the numbers in attendance have been larger than ever before. On Sunday morning the auditorium on the grounds was full to overflowing with an orderly, Sabbath-keeping audience, who listened with intense interest to a sermon by R. A. Jordan, general secretary of the Bangor Y. M. C. A. The afternoon service was addressed by Rev. G. W. Hinckley, the pioneer of Good Will Farm, and was followed by four separate prayer meetings in different parts of the grove. The closing service in the evening was led by Mr. Hinckley, and the parting words were voiced in the hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," sung by the entire company. The results for good of an assembly like that at Good Will Pines can only be realized fully as the years go by, in the lives of those who attended.

Mr. E. A. Strout, the enterprising real estate agent at Kent's Hill, has sold the L. B. Dolloff farm, Belgrade, to W. B. Reed, Middleton, Mass. This is one of the good farms of Kennebec county, consisting of 240 acres, well adapted to dairy work, and Mr. Reed will find himself among friends when he comes to Maine.

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## Home Department.

## MY COUNTRY HOME.

BY O. F. FROST.

My country home give back to me,  
With each familiar plant and tree,  
I long to watch the deep blue sky  
When fleecy clouds float slowly by.  
When lone nook, where soft winds sweep  
Once more I lay me down to sleep,  
And dream of youth, and days long passed  
Mid scenes that were too bright to last.

Give me back my home once more,  
Where wild plants grew about the door,  
The old heartbeats, the fragrant glow,  
Being visions of the long ago.  
When round the hearth some gathered then,  
How long have I slept in your dream,  
Gull, but their beds the night wind grieves  
Will falling down or rustling leaves.

Where wild birds sang on every bough,  
Mechanics I hear those songsters now.  
Mid homely scenes they've had their day,  
And like the rest, have passed away.  
I mean not that I've grown old,  
But hearts once warm lie still and cold,  
My country home give back to me,  
With each familiar plant and tree.

For the Maine Farmer.

## MAKING THE BEST OF THINGS.

We awoke early that morning and noted with delight that the sun was shining. It was July, and my brother, accompanied by a friend, was at home speeding his vacation. We lived near a pond, above which was a stream of no mean size and length. Arrangements had been made to go "up stream" fishing that day, and eat dinner on the shore. There were six of us going, and by eight o'clock we were light skimming over the water, with a basket of dainty viands snugly tucked in one corner of the boat.

We had gone perhaps a mile, and were gaily singing.

"Dip, boys, dip the bending oar. Soon we'll reach the welcome shore," when sister Lou broke off to observe that a shower was coming. Black clouds were rapidly piling up in the West. We had but one small umbrella, and that we spread over our lunch basket. But as the clouds became blacker and more fierce, and the water grew dark, one of the boys suggested our going ashore. This was agreed upon quickly. The boys pulled the boat up on the dry land and turned it over, letting one side rest on the ground, while the other rested on stout sticks out for the purpose.

Scarcely had we sought the shelter of this rude defense, when large drops began to descend; a moment later, and it seemed that the water was falling in sheets. This was soon over, however, and once more we stepped into the boat which had proved as good a protection to our heads as to our feet.

At the end of half an hour there was another shower in sight. We began to feel rather crestfallen; every bush and grass blade was soaking wet; it would be almost impossible to build a fire, and what sort of lunch would there be in eating dinner out of doors if we could not build a fire?

"Now, see here," said Frank Clark, who lived neighbor to us, "don't you girls go to getting blue. I've gone to considerable trouble to get away so I could have a good time today, and I'm going to have it or bust."

We all laughed, and immediately entered into the spirit of making the best of things, and when we again crawled under the boat, we were as merry as the dancing water, on whose surface the raindrops played with tireless energy. It showered all day by spells, but we built a fire—we were obliged to hold the umbrellas over it once or twice—and made tea and oyster stew, and caught a good string of fish. In short, we were out for a good time, and we were bound to have it, and did have it.

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## ONE WOMAN'S WAY.

At one time she did God's will by  
averting a quarrel, which lowering brows  
and raised tones already showed to be  
impending, by sweet words; at another,  
by smoothing an invalid's pillow; at an-  
other, by soothing a sobbing child; at  
another, by humoring and softening a  
father who had returned weary and ill-  
tempered from the irritating cares of  
business. None but she saw those things.

France has changed its form of govern-  
ment four times since her early girlhood  
days. Italy, then only a "geographical  
expression," to use Metternich's phrase,  
has since become one of the great pow-  
ers of Europe, while the Empire of  
Germany was still far in the future.

The United States was in the midst of  
the "era of good feeling" when Victoria  
was born. Monroe has had 19 successors  
in the Presidency since that time. This  
country had only 9,000,000 population  
then. Buffalo and Pittsburgh were front-  
ier towns, and not a house existed on the  
site of the magnificent metropolis of the  
West, Chicago. The annexation of  
Florida, Texas, New Mexico, California  
and Alaska, to say nothing of the more  
recent acquisitions of territory, all came  
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